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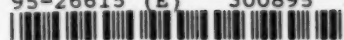
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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 30 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the text of today's date addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, Mr. Mohammed Said al-Sahaf, concerning the manifest tendency of the United States authorities to intervene in Iraq's internal affairs.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Identical letters dated 30 August 1995 from the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General
and to the President of the Security Council

I wish to inform you that the United States Government is in the habit of making its official policy public from time to time, confirming that it is deliberately seeking to change the political regime established in Iraq. The most recent statement of this kind was made on 28 August 1995, at his daily press conference, by the spokesman for the United States Secretary of State, who stated that the United States would pursue its efforts to change the political regime in Iraq.

The spokesman of the United States Secretary of State also emphasized that the United States would continue to bring pressure to bear on the Iraqi Government until a Government favourable to the United States was installed, impudently adding that: clearly, the United States was convinced that the regime of Saddam Hussein must come to an end.

These official statements bear witness to the will of the United States Government to intervene in the internal affairs of Iraq and to commit base aggression against it.

These statements by the United States authorities constitute blatant interference in the internal affairs of Iraq, and at the same time a dangerous precedent in the history of international relations. They run counter to the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, and utterly disregard the most elementary rules of international law, which call for respect for the sovereignty of States; they even run counter to the provisions adopted by the Security Council in its resolution 687 (1991), which called for respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Iraq.

We reject and resolutely condemn the fact that a great Power which is a permanent member of the Security Council and has a duty to respect the spirit and the letter of the United Nations Charter should make official statements of this kind directed against a Member State and one of the founders of the United Nations. This is evidence of the contempt in which the United States Government holds the most elementary laws governing the relations between States, as well as the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The Government of Iraq condemns the aggressive policy of the United States Government and asserts Iraq's right to respond, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law, to this aggressive policy and to the intervention by the United States Government in its internal affairs.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Iraq
